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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for SW Independence Collector Extension project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Independence, OR and the project is located at between 1092 Chestnut Street and 694 S 13th Street, Independence, OR 97351.

The funding is designated for extending 13th St and Chestnut St to accommodate current and future traffic demands and provide an east-west directional route between Independence and Monmouth without needing to cross railroad tracks. The widening of 13th Street will include adding sidewalks, bicycle facilities, utility improvements, and storm water quality facilities. The westward extension of Chestnut Street will include a new bridge over the South Fork Ash Creek that connects to 13th St with sidewalks, bicycle lanes and utility improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: Independence's road network is fragmented by creeks and railroad tracks. The Southwest Independence Concept Plan and Transportation System Plan identify this location as an integral node that can provide additional connectivity for the north-south and east-west directions. It will also enable additional mixed-density residential development which will help Independence keep pace with demand for housing and affordability.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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